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BOROUGH OF LEOMINSTER

Herefordshire  
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Joint  
A N N U A L   R E P O R T  
of the  
Medical Officer of Health  
and of the  
Public Health Inspector  
for the year 1962



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(As at 31st December 1962)

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To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Members of the Leominster  
Borough Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith present my Annual Report for 1962,  
together with the Report of the Public Health Inspector.

### Vital Statistics

There was a substantial rise in both birth and death rates for 1962, and an increase in population of 50, of which only 15 was the excess of births over deaths.

### Infectious Diseases

Very little was notified, apart from a midsummer outbreak of measles. The low figures for tuberculosis and dysentery should be noted.

### Housing

The most important event was the opening of the Old Peoples' bungalows at Eaton Place. These have proved extremely popular and are much sought. I feel there is now a need for single bed accommodation for people of lesser years who are outside the scope of the Welfare Scheme but want a home of their own. As people of this age are usually at the height of their earning capacity and have few other commitments, there is obviously no need for a subsidy towards the rent.

### Slum Clearance

Progress in 1962 was very slow, but it does seem that in 1963 things will improve.

In conclusion I would like to thank Mr. Smith for completing much of this report, and for his help in the past year, and Mr. Preece in my office for preparing the statistical section.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,728
Estimated mid-year home population	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,430
Average number of persons per acre	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.7
Number of inhabited houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,120
Average number of inhabited houses per acre	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.24
Average number of persons per house	..	..	..	..	..	..	3.0
Rateable Value	..	..	..	..	..	..	£76,667
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	£310

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHSLive Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	55	48	103
Illegitimate	7	1	8
	<u>62</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>111</u>

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 0.98	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Leominster Borough (Crude)	17.3	13.9	15.0	18.0	16.6
" " (Adjusted)	17.0	13.6	14.7	17.6	16.2
England and Wales .. ..	18.0	17.4	17.1	16.5	16.4

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Leominster Borough ..	7.2
England and Wales ..	figure not yet available

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Leominster Borough	9.0	32.6	31.2	34.7	9.7
England and Wales	18.1	19.1	19.8	21.0	21.6

INFANT DEATH RATESEarly Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-



## Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Leominster Borough	.. Nil
England and Wales	.. figure not yet available

Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

## Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Leominster Borough	.. Nil
England and Wales	.. figure not yet available

Perinatal MortalityStill Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

## Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Leominster Borough	.. 9.0
England and Wales	.. figure not yet available

Infant MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

## Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Leominster Borough	(Total	Nil	Nil	43.0	27.0	29.4
	(Legitimate	Nil	Nil	44.9	19.0	31.2
	(Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	166.6	Nil
England & Wales	(Total	21.4	21.6	21.9	22.2	22.5
	(Legitimate	*	21.2	21.5	21.9	22.3
	(Illegitimate	*	25.3	26.4	27.4	27.8

\* figures not yet available

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Leominster Borough .. Nil  
 England and Wales .. figure not yet  
 available

DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total		
Total number of deaths from all causes:	44	53	97		
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					
Comparability factor: 0.70	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Leominster Borough (Crude)	15.1	11.0	13.2	14.3	14.8
" " (Adjusted)	10.6	8.2	10.3	11.6	10.3
England and Wales	11.9	12.0	11.5	11.6	11.7

Cancer

	Males	Females	Total		
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	7	9	16		
Cancer death rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					
	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Leominster Borough ..	2.49	2.04	1.29	2.11	2.12
England and Wales ..	*	2.15	2.16	2.14	2.12

Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total		
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:	23	38	61		
Cardio-Vascular Disease death rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					
	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Leominster Borough ..	9.49	5.64	7.23	7.45	7.67
England and Wales ..	*	6.10	6.00	5.88	6.07

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	6	6	12

\* figures not yet available

Respiratory Disease death rate per 1,000 estimated  
mid-year home population:

		1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Leominster Borough	..	1.87	1.41	1.61	2.76	1.30
England and Wales	..	*	1.60	1.26	1.53	1.37

\* figure not yet available

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

Disease	Males	Females	Total
Infective and parasitic diseases	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	4	4
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	3	4	7
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	10	15
Coronary disease, angina	6	5	11
Hypertension with heart disease	1	5	6
Other heart disease	9	17	26
Other circulatory disease	2	1	3
Influenza	-	2	2
Pneumonia	3	1	4
Bronchitis	2	3	5
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	-	3
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-	2
TOTAL:	44	53	97

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN THE BOROUGH OF LEOMINSTER DURING THE YEAR 1962

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	-	-	-	1	9	84	33	14	-	1	8	4	154
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1962

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	-	-	3	1	2	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	13
Measles	-	-	-	6	14	103	52	23	3	40	79	17	337
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	9
Erysipelas	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	5
Acute Encephalitis:													
Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Post-Infectious	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Acute Pneumonia	4	-	5	-	1	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	15
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	7
Non-Pulmonary	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1



NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE  
COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

Borough of Leominster

Disease	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Whooping Cough	1	50	-	1	3
Measles	154	35	133	8	8
Scarlet Fever	1	-	4	12	5
Erysipelas	-	-	1	-	1
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	-	-	1	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	1	3	-	10	-
Dysentery	-	2	43	-	2
Food Poisoning	1	1	5	2	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	2	5	1	3	2
Non-Pulmonary	-	1	-	-	1

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	13	126	70	38	39
Measles	337	583	189	388	258
Scarlet Fever	9	11	23	46	28
Erysipelas	5	3	4	4	2
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	2	1	3	-	-
Post-Infectious	2	-	1	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	15	18	18	33	14
Dysentery	1	62	123	3	16
Food Poisoning	5	11	39	3	5
Paratyphoid Fever	1	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	-	-	2
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	7	9	7	13	7
Non-Pulmonary	2	2	3	2	3
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	1	-	-	-	-

COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Here- fordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	0.36	0.19
Measles	9.28	4.0
Scarlet Fever	0.25	0.33
Erysipelas	0.14	0.04
Acute Encephalitis:		
Infective	0.05	0.002
Post-Infectious	0.05	0.003
Acute Pneumonia	0.41	0.27
Dysentery	0.03	0.66
Food Poisoning	0.14	0.01
Paratyphoid Fever	0.03	0.003
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.19	0.39
Non-Pulmonary	0.05	0.05
* Puerperal Pyrexia	1.70	8.33

\* per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1961	31	18	1	3
New cases notified	-	1	-	-
Recovered	1	2	-	-
Number on Register at 31st December, 1962	30	17	1	3

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1958	3	65	1	6
1959	3	64	1	4
1960	1	54	1	6
1961	5	53	1	6
1962	1	51	-	3

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.



PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORTWATERPiped Supplies (Public Water Mains)

The supply of piped water to that portion of the Council's area which is provided with water mains is through the Herefordshire Water Board. The Herefordshire Water Board was constituted by Order of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in 1959.

Administration and control of the Council's water undertaking passed to the Herefordshire Water Board in April, 1960.

- (1) The piped water supply of the area and of its several parts has been fully satisfactory in quality and fully satisfactory in quantity.

(2) Bacteriological Examination

- (a) Water After Chlorination - 46 samples Taken (all free of organisms of faecal origin)

Number of samples taken from taps at consumers' premises .. .. . 41

Number of samples taken from Waterworks Pumping Station .. .. . 5

- (b) No samples of raw water were taken prior to chlorination.

- (3) No plumbo-solvent action - hard water.

- (4) Action taken in respect of any form of contamination - immediate re-sampling.

- (5) Chemical Examination - Nil

- (6) Number of dwelling-houses, flats, etc., supplied from Public Water Mains:-

(a) Direct to houses, flats, etc. .. 2,004

(b) By means of standpipes .. .. 12

Of 408 occupied houses in the Out-Parish, about 285 houses are supplied with piped chlorinated water.

The approximate number of houses relying on spring or well water is as follows:-

Borough .. 2

Out-Parish .. 123

WATER (Continued)Remarks

The following Out-Parish areas are not provided with mains piped water supplies:-

Brierley, Stagbatch, Aulden and Wintercott,  
Stretford and Hennor, Elms Green, Wharton  
and Marlbrook.

Water Samples taken and submitted for analysis

(a) Piped supplies (House taps, Waterworks well)	46
(b) Wells, boreholes, springs and brooks .. ..	25
(c) Open air Swimming Bath .. .. .	28

Note - (a) and (c) above - 70 samples satisfactory  
(b) - 1 sample satisfactory, 24 samples  
unsatisfactory.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Works proceeded throughout the year on improvement of the Council's sewerage system and the provision of a sewage disposal works.

- (1) The Council's area is only partly sewered, mainly for the following reason:-

Unsewered properties are economically incapable of being connected to a sewerage system.

NOTE - Even when the existing scheme is completed the whole of the Council's area will not be sewered for reason given above.

- (2) 85% of the properties in the Council's area are drained to the Council's sewerage system. In respect of the sewered area, the existing system, with the improvements at present in progress, will be adequate for all present and foreseeable needs.
- (3) No sewage from other areas is received into the Council's sewers or direct into the Council's sewage disposal works in course of construction.
- (4) The Council's sewage is at present disposed of untreated into an open ditch and thence into the River Arrow. When the disposal works is completed, effluent from the sewage disposal works will be to an open ditch and thence into the River Arrow. Storm water will discharge to various water courses.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL (Continued)

- (5) No parts of the Council's area are drained to sewers or sewage disposal works of another authority, joint board or committee.

Drainage Works at Old Premises

Smoke, colour and water tests	..	..	..	..	6
New drains laid	..	..	..	..	30
Cleansed, trapped or ventilated	..	..	..	..	26
Inspection chambers built	..	..	..	..	22
Septic tanks built or cleansed	..	..	..	..	9
Sinks installed	..	..	..	..	4
Additional closets, renewals or conversions	..	..	..	..	23
Baths installed	..	..	..	..	23
Washbasins installed	..	..	..	..	23

Borough Proper - Drainage of old premises to the sewer is in the main poor, consisting usually of unjointed pipes, devoid of inspection chambers or ventilation shafts.

Out-Parish - Houses, where no sewer available, are drained to septic tanks or other place.

Approximate number of occupied houses drained to sewer:-

Borough Proper	..	..	..	1,713
Out-Parish	..	..	..	122

Number of occupied houses not drained to sewer:-

Borough Proper	..	..	..	20
Out-Parish	..	..	..	286

Cesspool Emptying

The Council do not undertake to empty cesspools.

Approximate number of cesspools in area:-

Borough Proper	..	..	..	10
Out-Parish	..	..	..	202

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

During the year legal proceedings were instituted under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, in two cases for failure to comply with abatement notices served under Section 93, pertaining to nuisances arising from defective roofs.



PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 (Continued)

Case No. 1. - Taken before Magistrates Court.

Nuisance Order approved - Owner  
to pay £5.18. 0. costs. Roof repaired.

Case No. 2. - Solicitor for owner asked for adjournment. (Roof repaired)

RIVERS AND STREAMS

A small amount of flooding occurred during the year.

In the main, as mentioned in last year's report, houses in the low lying areas of the Borough are old and of low standard, prejudicial to health and of a type which should be demolished and replaced with dry houses on suitable sites.

Twenty-three of the sub-standard houses in the flood line were confirmed for clearance so far back as the years 1938 and 1939, and a further 14 houses in the flood line have operative clearance orders thereon. In addition, clearance order resolutions, not yet confirmed, have been passed pertaining to a further 14 houses.

Fifty-one houses could thus be erased from liability to flooding under a vigorous replacement policy.

Two houses in the flood line have been demolished during the year.

TENTS AND CARAVANS

Camping does not exist on a large scale.

One site licensed.

REFUSE COLLECTION, REMOVAL, DISPOSAL AND TREATMENT(1) Collection - Borough Proper

Vehicular collection once per week.

Out-Parish

Vehicular collection weekly or fortnightly according to locality.

Dustbins renewed .. .. 53

(2) Disposal of refuse .. .. Tipping.

(3) Treatment against rodents .. Periodical baiting  
and poisoning.

The Council undertake collection of refuse from all reasonably accessible properties in the Council's area.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The sewer received test baiting at certain manholes. No evidence of rat infestation was found in any of the manholes tested. The Public Abattoir, Sewage Ditch, and Refuse Tip, received periodic treatment.

## Sewers:

Number of manholes treated	..	12
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Number of treatments	..	..	1
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Dwelling-houses, Farms, Business Premises  
and Local Authority Premises:

Number treated against rats	..	79
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Number treated against mice	..	1
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FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Number on Register (excluding Building Sites)	108
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Number of Inspections	.. .. .	53
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Number of written notices served	.. .. .	1
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Cases in which defects were found	.. .. .	2
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HOUSING

Improvement of houses - Ministry of Housing and Local Government Circular 42/62. In the main, houses in streets in the Leominster Borough area are not much of a pattern, and groups of rented sturdy, terraced or semi-detached Victorian houses, each with 5 or 6 rooms and good for another 20 to 30 years at least; but lacking hot water system, bathroom, indoor w.c. etc., and capable of easy improvement, are few in number.

Nevertheless, following receipt of Circular 42/62, letters, pamphlets and questionnaires relating to selected groups of houses have been delivered to owners and tenants.

A large proportion of rented terraced houses, or "infillings" are in general substandard, and more suitable for Clearance Area procedure and demolition. In particular, for the substandard houses in the low lying area of the Borough liable to periodic flooding and sewage contamination, Clearance Order procedure would appear to need acceleration.

At the close of the year certain Clearance Areas and Orders resolved by the Council in April, 1960, had not reached the public inquiry stage - an interim void of over 2½ years. Delay of such magnitude is very discouraging.

HOUSING (Continued)

Whatever it is that retards the implementation of Clearance Area decisions arrived at by the Council, or the attainment of measures which can give freedom to many families from conditions which are prejudicial to health, from flood conditions which are a serious nuisance and inconvenience, would seem to necessitate a momentum between local authority and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

During the year 1962 submission of further groups of unfit insanitary houses in easy stages was adopted and the following summary gives dates of the Council's confirmation of Committee resolutions declaring Clearance Areas and Orders for the houses specified.

<u>Dates of Council's Resolutions approving Committee Minutes</u>	<u>Area Number</u>	<u>Short description of premises</u>
26th April, 1960.	65	The three dwelling houses known as 10, Corn Square, and Nos. 1, and 2, Grange Walk.
26th April, 1960.	66	The nine dwelling houses known as 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, and 27, Cranes Lane.
5th June, 1962.	67	The four dwelling houses known as 38, 40, 42, and 44, Bargates.
26th June, 1962.	68	The three dwelling houses known as 9, 11, and 13, Ryelands Road.
31st July, 1962.	69	The five dwelling houses known as 48, 48a, 50, 52, and 54, Bridge Street.
30th October, 1962.	70	The three dwelling houses known as 15, 17, and 19, Mill Street.
30th October, 1962.	71	The three dwelling houses known as 21, 23, and 25, Mill Street.
27th November, 1962.	72	The three dwelling houses known as 73, 75, and 77, Bridge Street.



HOUSING (Continued)Post War Clearance Areas

The following houses resolved by the local authority as Clearance Areas are still standing:-

<u>Area No.</u>	<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. of Houses</u>
50	69,71,73,75,77,79,81,83, Bargates	.
	5,6,7, Westfield Walk	11
52	3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17, North Road	8
53	4,5,6, Strangward's Court	3
56	51, and 53, Mill Street	2
57	9, and 11, Bridge Street	2
59	57, and 59, Etnam Street	2
60	117, and 119, Etnam Street	2
61	86a, and 88, Bridge Street	2
62	9, and 10, Gateway Lane	2
63	2,4,6,8,10, Bargates	5
65	1,2, Grange Walk, 10, Corn Square	3
66	11,13,15,17,19,21,23,25,27, Cranes Lane	9
67	38,40,42,44, Bargates	4
68	9,11,13, Ryelands Road	3
69	48,48a,50,52,54, Bridge Street	5
70	15,17,19, Mill Street	3
71	21,23,25, Mill Street	3
72	73,75,77, Bridge Street	3
TOTAL:		<hr/> 72 <hr/>

Pre-War Clearance Areas

The following 29 houses Confirmed for Clearance in the years 1938 and 1939 are still standing:-

52,54, Etnam Street (1938)  
 109,111,113,115,117, Bridge Street (1939)  
 85,87,89,91,93, Bridge Street and  
 1, Lowes Court (1939)  
 33,35,37,39, Bridge Street (1939)  
 59,61,63,65,65a,67, Bridge Street (1939)  
 30, Vicarage Street (1938)  
 1/2, Rose Tree Cottages, Ebna1 (1939)  
 1,2, Bedford Cottages, Ebna1 (1939)  
 1,3, Bridge Street (1939)

HOUSING (Continued)Housing Statistics

(1) Total number of Clearance Area houses demolished:-

Pre-War 1939	..	60
Post-War 1945	..	126
		<u>186</u>

NOTE: The number of houses demolished during the years 1956 to 1962 inclusive is:- 85.

(2) Individual Unfit houses demolished voluntarily and under Housing Acts 1937 and 1957:-

Pre-War 1939	..	16
Post-War 1945	..	30
		<u>46</u>

NOTE: The number of individual unfit houses cleared or closed during the years 1956 to 1962 is as follows:-

Demolished	..	14
Closed	..	7
		<u>21</u>

(3) Estimated number of Unfit Houses in Council's area:- 200.

NOTE: Of this figure of 200 unfit houses action has already been taken as follows:-

(a) Houses under Confirmed Clearance Orders	..	..	..	..	..	..	61
(b) Houses on which Clearance Orders resolved but not yet confirmed	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
(c) Individual Unfit Houses subject to undertakings or closure	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
						..	111

Estimated for future clearance or closure under Part II or Part III of Housing Act, 1957 .. .. . 89

Approximate number of houses with fixed baths 1,657

Approximate number of houses without fixed baths 484

Percentage without fixed baths .. .. 22.6%

The provision of internal hot water systems and washbasins in old rented houses is negligible.

Closet Accommodation

Approximate number of houses with water closets .. .. . 2,043

Approximate number of dwellings which do not have water closets .. .. . 98

Privies converted to water closets in last three years .. .. . Nil



HOUSING (Continued)Closet Accommodation (Continued)

With the exception of 6 houses (five of which have been condemned and due to be demolished) all the houses in the Borough Proper have closets on the water carriage system. Closet accommodation provided for old rented houses is in general of the bleak "back-yard" type, frozen up at times, unhappily positioned, and in many cases not readily accessible or with suitable approach.

In the Out-Parish area which is unsewered, closets for old rented houses are mainly of the chemical or pail type. The number of privies is negligible.. 2

Approximate number of houses with pail or chemical closets .. .. . 96

Many desirable amenities could be featured in some old rented houses of reasonable standard or owner-occupied houses if the persons concerned availed themselves of the money they can get as a right.

There are two kinds of grants available for modernising older houses, namely:-

- (1) The (1959) Standard Grant under which house owners and certain leaseholders can obtain, as a right, half the cost, up to a maximum of £155, of installing five basic improvements, - a bath, or shower, a wash-hand basin, a water closet, a hot water system, and a food store.
- (2) The Discretionary Grant under which up to half the estimated cost of more extensive improvements may be paid, at the discretion of the local Council, subject to a maximum grant of £400.

Both kinds of grants are available to owner-occupiers and to owners of rented houses.

Number of Standard Grants approved during the year .. 7

Number of Discretionary Grants approved during the year .. .. . 4

Number of New Houses Completed during the Year

(a) Total .. .. . 66

(b) With State Assistance under Housing Acts:-

(1) By Local Authority .. .. . 30

(2) By other bodies or persons .. .. . -

(c) Without State Assistance:-

(1) By other bodies or persons

(a) Borough .. .. . 28

(b) Out-Parish .. .. . 8

HOUSING (Continued)Statistics relating to Council Houses, Flats and Bungalows

The number of dwellings owned by the Council is as follows:-

Built pre 1939 .. .. .	208
Built from 1st April, 1945 to 31st December, 1962.	381
Conversion of 1 premise to 6 flats (1958) ..	6
Old houses acquired and standing at 31st December, 1962. .. .. .	22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>617</b>

Types and Numbers of Council DwellingsHouses Built

(a) Permanent prefabricated Airey Type .. .. .	28
(b) Permanent prefabricated Cornish Unit .. .. .	24
(c) Traditional brick .. .. .	479

Bungalows Built

10 year type - temporary prefabricated .. .. .	20
Traditional brick (aged persons 1 bedroomed type)	25

Flats Built

Traditional brick .. .. .	13
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Conversions

Newman House to 6 flats .. .. .	6
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<u>Old Houses Acquired</u> .. .. .	22
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**TOTAL** **617**

The number of Council dwellings constructed and occupied during the year 1962 is 30 namely:-

Aged persons' bungalows ..	25
Warden's flat .. ..	1
Hawthorne Place .. ..	4

NOTE: The scheme of 25 aged persons' bungalows and 1 Warden's flat built during 1962 provides welfare services, e.g. Warden Service, communal room, laundry, call bell service, etc. A highly commendable performance, worthy of repetition and particularly appropriate to an "aged population" area, such as Leominster. Suitable sites in the sewered area of the Borough, reasonably accessible to shops etc., are now extremely few.

## HOUSING (Continued)

## SCHEDULE OF DWELLINGS ETC. CONSTRUCTED BY THE COUNCIL

SITES	Built Pre-1939	Built from 1st April, 1945 to 31st December, 1961			Built in 1962		
	HOUSES	HOUSES	BUNG- ALOWS	FLATS	HOUSES	BUNG- ALOWS	FLATS
Caswell Estate	90	-	-	-	-	-	-
Worcester Road	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gateway Lane	100	88	20	12	-	-	-
Westfield Estate	-	179	-	-	-	-	-
Cranes Lane	6	2	-	-	-	-	-
Kenwater Close	-	30	-	-	-	-	-
Lugg Way	-	8	-	-	-	-	-
Rainbow Street	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hengrave Green	-	12	-	-	-	-	-
Eaton Close	-	-	-	-	-	25	1
Hawthorne Place	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Total Constructed	208	319	20	12	4	25	1
Premise con- verted to flats (1958)	-	-	-	6	-	-	-
Total Constructed and Converted	208	319	20	18	4	25	1

OLD HOUSES ACQUIRED AND STANDING AT 31st DECEMBER, 1962, made up as follows:-

22, Dishley Street	1
Library House	1
97, Etnam Street.	1
1,2,3,4, Jenkins Buildings	4
Worcester Road.	1
2,4,6, Bargates	3
5,6,7, Westfield Walk	3
69 to 83, Bargates	8
TOTAL	22

HOUSING (Continued)Houses in Multiple Occupation

There are no registered common lodginghouses in the Leominster district.

Houses in multiple occupation .. .. 8

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODNumber and Type of Food Premises

<u>Type of Premises</u>	<u>Number</u>
(a) GROCERS (including sale of fruit, fish, game, vegetables, and pre-packed ice-cream) ..	35
(b) SWEETS and SUGAR CONFECTIONERY (including sale of pre-packed ice-cream) .. ..	10
(c) RESTAURANTS and CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS (including fish and chip fryers, sale of pre-packed ice-cream) .. ..	12
(d) LICENSED PREMISES (Hotels, Inns and Clubs) ..	32
(e) BAKERS AND CONFECTIONERS .. ..	7
(f) BUTCHERS .. ..	8
(g) SCHOOL MEAL KITCHENS .. ..	4
(h) CORN STORES and SHOPS .. ..	7
(i) POULTERERS .. ..	3
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	118
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Number of Food Premises, by Type

Registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

(j) SALE OF PRE-PACKED ICE-CREAM

Grocers .. ..	18
Restaurants and Catering Establishments ..	11
Sweets and Sugar Confectionery ..	8
(including Mobile)	<hr/>
	37
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(k) PREPARATION OR MANUFACTURE OF SAUSAGES, POTTED, PRESSED, PICKLED OR PRESERVED FOOD

Butchers .. ..	5
Bakers and Confectioners .. ..	2
Fish Fryers .. ..	2



INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (Continued)Ice-Cream

There are no ice-cream manufacturing premises in operation in the district. All retail premises have electric continuous freezers and retail pre-packed ice-cream only.

Sampling

Sampling for bacteriological analysis is carried out from time to time.

Number of samples falling into Grade 1 (Satisfactory) ..	9
Number of samples falling into Grade 2 (Satisfactory) ..	2
Total samples analysed .. .. .	11

Food Premises - Inspection, Supervision and Comment

Apart from the Poultry Plucking Factory erected in 1961, there are no food factories in the area other than retail shops, bakehouses, restaurants and hotel kitchens.

Routine inspections are carried out from time to time under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960, and byelaws made under the Food and Drugs Act. Contraventions are followed up by communications and reports to the appropriate Committee when found necessary.

Milk Supply

- (1) Routine inspection of dairies.
- (2) Collection of samples of milk for analysis.
  - (a) Examination for bacterial cleanliness and heat treatment.
- (3) All milk now retailed in the district is designated milk and mainly pasteurised or sterilized.

Milk Samples Taken

Pasteurised milk .. .. .	25
Sterilized milk .. .. .	1
Tuberculin Tested milk (Raw) .. .. .	1

27 samples of designated milk taken during the year conformed to standards laid down.

Number of dairies registered under Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 (excluding farm Dairies) ..	2
Number of inspections (including farm dairies and milk shops) .. .. .	14

CLEAN AIR ACT

The adoption of byelaws, designed to ensure that all houses erected in future be provided with grates or other fire appliances capable of burning smokeless fuels or of smokeless operation, was approved by the Council in February, 1957.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATH

- (1) Description: Modern Open Air Swimming Bath (unheated)
- (2) Water Supply: Potable fresh water from Borough Main. Bath emptied and re-filled annually.
- (3) Treatment: By high pressure continuous filtration plant and chemical treatment (Chlorine and ammonia gases).
- (4) Water Change: Water circulated continuously through filter while bath in use. Turnover period - 4 hours.
- (5) Water Samples: 28 bacteriological samples taken from bath, of which 27 samples were free of Bact. Coli. and one sample revealed 1 Bact. Coli.

ABATTOIR

The abattoir, built in 1877, falls far short of the standards prescribed in the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations 1958, Part II, Construction, and Part III Equipment, and the standards prescribed in Part II of the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958.

Method of Meat Inspection

In accordance with the Ministry of Food, Memo 3/Meat, in as far as is reasonably practicable.

Ante-mortem and Post-mortem Inspections

Inspection of all carcasses is carried out daily.

Transport and Carrying of Meat

Vehicles of good standard are provided.

METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

- (1) Condemned meat and other material from abattoir - after green staining - collection by private buyer.
- (2) Other food - incineration or buried.

The undernoted foods were surrendered during the year:-

20 tins canned meats.	5 tins Vegetables.
56 lb. Fish.	4 tins Fish.
7 tins Milk.	36 tins Fruit.
8 Miscellaneous.	

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE  
OR IN PART

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	402	2	31	1,897	800
Number inspected	402	2	31	1,897	800
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	1	6	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	5	-	2	14	13
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	1.2%	-	9.7%	1%	1.7%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	9
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.1%
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-

MEAT INSPECTION (Continued)

Approximate weight of diseased meat dealt with:

Cattle (excluding Cows) 24 lb.

Calves 116 lb.

Sheep and Lambs 297 lb.

Pigs 238 lb.

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the Borough. Throughout the year arrangements at the Council's abattoir have been conducted by the Leominster Butchers' Abattoir Company.

Top quality young animals are bought by butchers and excellent quality meat is retailed within the Borough.





